

## NWT Labour Force Activity - June 2015 -

Statistics Canada estimates that in June 2015, out of 31,900 residents 15 years of age and older 22,200 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 69.6%. This rate is an increase of 2.1 percentage points over the previous month, and was the highest for the Northwest Territories since October 2014. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 61.7%.

The increase in June employment translates into 600 more employed persons compared to the previous month and 200 more persons compared to the same time last year.

Those not in the labour force declined from the previous month. In June, the number of unemployed persons also dropped resulting in a decrease in the unemployment rate to 7.1%.

**Table 1 Monthly Highlights  
Northwest Territories, June 2015**

|                     | Jun-15 | May-15 | Jun-14 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Population          | 31,900 | 32,000 | 32,300 |
| Labour Force        | 23,800 | 23,500 | 24,400 |
| Employed            | 22,200 | 21,600 | 22,000 |
| Unemployed          | 1,700  | 1,900  | 2,400  |
| Not in Labour Force | 8,000  | 8,500  | 7,900  |
| Participation (%)   | 74.6   | 73.4   | 75.5   |
| Employment (%)      | 69.6   | 67.5   | 68.1   |
| Unemployment (%)    | 7.1    | 8.1    | 9.8    |

**Figure 1 Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate  
Northwest Territories, 2013-2015**

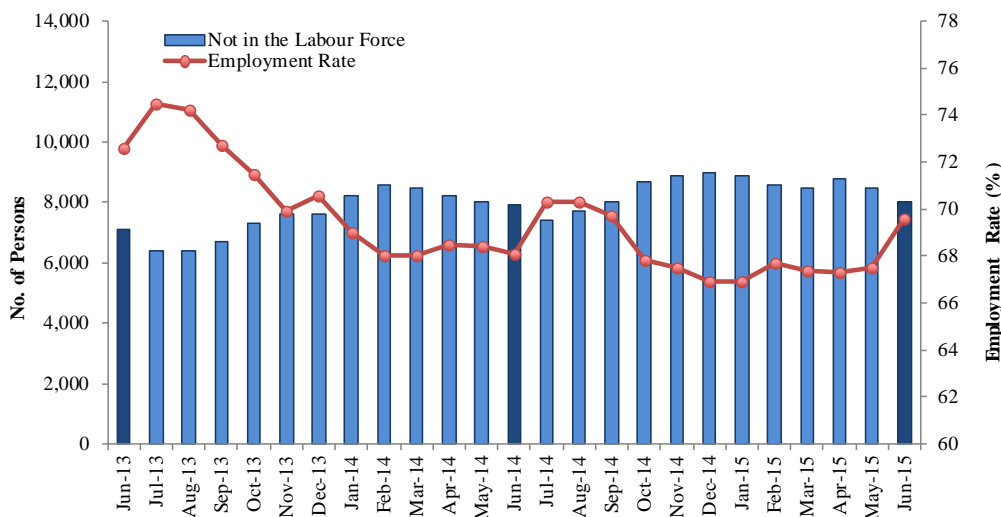


Table 2 shows the number of employed persons and the employment rate by key characteristics. The employment rate increased in all categories compared to the previous month, most notably among Aboriginal persons (4 percentage points increase) and youths aged 15-24 years (5 percentage points increase).

**Table 2** *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics  
Northwest Territories*

|                              | Jun-15                |                        | May-15                |                        | Apr-15                |                        |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                              | Employed<br>(Persons) | Employment<br>Rate (%) | Employed<br>(Persons) | Employment<br>Rate (%) | Employed<br>(Persons) | Employment<br>Rate (%) |
| <b>Northwest Territories</b> | 22,200                | 69.6                   | 21,600                | 67.5                   | 21,600                | 67.3                   |
| 15-24 Yrs.                   | 2,800                 | 46.7                   | 2,500                 | 41.7                   | 2,700                 | 44.3                   |
| 25 Yrs. & Over               | 19,300                | 74.5                   | 19,100                | 73.7                   | 18,900                | 72.7                   |
| Males                        | 11,100                | 69.8                   | 10,600                | 66.3                   | 10,800                | 67.1                   |
| Females                      | 11,000                | 69.2                   | 10,900                | 68.1                   | 10,800                | 67.5                   |
| Aboriginal                   | 8,500                 | 56.7                   | 7,900                 | 52.7                   | 7,800                 | 52.7                   |
| Non-Aboriginal               | 13,700                | 81.1                   | 13,600                | 80.0                   | 13,900                | 80.3                   |
| Yellowknife                  | 12,300                | 80.9                   | 12,200                | 79.7                   | 12,300                | 79.4                   |
| Other                        | 9,800                 | 58.7                   | 9,400                 | 56.3                   | 9,300                 | 56.0                   |

Table 3 shows that from May 2015 to June 2015, employment increased in both full-time and part-time employment, for all classes of workers, and for both the goods producing and service producing industries.

Compared to June 2014 public-sector employment increased by 1,000 persons while private sector employment and self-employment fell by 800 and 100 persons respectively. The number of persons working in goods-producing industries increased by 500 persons, offset by a decline of 400 persons in the service-producing industries.

**Table 3** *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics  
Northwest Territories, June 2015*

|                   | Jun-15 | May-15 | Jun-14 | May-15 to Jun-15 | Jun-14 to Jun-15 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|------------------|
|                   |        |        |        | Change (persons) |                  |
| Total Employment  | 22,200 | 21,600 | 22,000 | 600              | 200              |
| Full-time         | 19,500 | 19,000 | 19,500 | 500              | -                |
| Part-time         | 2,700  | 2,600  | 2,500  | 100              | 200              |
| Employees         | 20,300 | 19,800 | 20,000 | 500              | 300              |
| Public            | 9,800  | 9,500  | 8,800  | 300              | 1,000            |
| Private           | 10,500 | 10,300 | 11,300 | 200              | (800)            |
| Self-employment   | 1,900  | 1,800  | 2,000  | 100              | (100)            |
| Goods Producing   | 4,100  | 3,700  | 3,600  | 400              | 500              |
| Service Producing | 18,000 | 17,900 | 18,400 | 100              | (400)            |

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

**Table 4**      ***Labour Force Activity  
Northwest Territories***

|                 | Population<br>15 & Over | Labour<br>Force | Employed | Unem-<br>ployed | Not in the<br>Labour<br>Force | Partic-<br>ipation<br>Rate | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>Rate | Empley-<br>ment<br>Rate |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jun-15          | 31,900                  | 23,800          | 22,200   | 1,700           | 8,000                         | 74.6                       | 7.1                       | 69.6                    |
| May-15          | 32,000                  | 23,500          | 21,600   | 1,900           | 8,500                         | 73.4                       | 8.1                       | 67.5                    |
| Apr-15          | 32,100                  | 23,200          | 21,600   | 1,600           | 8,800                         | 72.3                       | 6.9                       | 67.3                    |
| Mar-15          | 32,200                  | 23,600          | 21,700   | 1,900           | 8,500                         | 73.3                       | 8.1                       | 67.4                    |
| Feb-15          | 32,200                  | 23,600          | 21,800   | 1,800           | 8,600                         | 73.3                       | 7.6                       | 67.7                    |
| Jan-15          | 32,300                  | 23,400          | 21,600   | 1,800           | 8,900                         | 72.4                       | 7.7                       | 66.9                    |
| Dec-14          | 32,300                  | 23,300          | 21,600   | 1,700           | 9,000                         | 72.1                       | 7.3                       | 66.9                    |
| Nov-14          | 32,300                  | 23,400          | 21,800   | 1,700           | 8,900                         | 72.4                       | 7.3                       | 67.5                    |
| Oct-14          | 32,300                  | 23,700          | 21,900   | 1,800           | 8,700                         | 73.4                       | 7.6                       | 67.8                    |
| Sep-14          | 32,300                  | 24,300          | 22,500   | 1,800           | 8,000                         | 75.2                       | 7.4                       | 69.7                    |
| Aug-14          | 32,300                  | 24,600          | 22,700   | 1,900           | 7,700                         | 76.2                       | 7.7                       | 70.3                    |
| Jul-14          | 32,300                  | 24,900          | 22,700   | 2,200           | 7,400                         | 77.1                       | 8.8                       | 70.3                    |
| Previous Years: |                         |                 |          |                 |                               |                            |                           |                         |
| Jun-14          | 32,300                  | 24,400          | 22,000   | 2,400           | 7,900                         | 75.5                       | 9.8                       | 68.1                    |
| Jun-13          | 32,500                  | 25,400          | 23,600   | 1,800           | 7,100                         | 78.2                       | 7.1                       | 72.6                    |
| Jun-12          | 32,400                  | 25,000          | 23,000   | 2,100           | 7,300                         | 77.2                       | 8.4                       | 71.0                    |
| Jun-11          | 32,300                  | 24,900          | 22,900   | 2,000           | 7,400                         | 77.1                       | 8.0                       | 70.9                    |
| Jun-10          | 32,000                  | 23,200          | 21,500   | 1,700           | 8,800                         | 72.5                       | 7.3                       | 67.2                    |
| Jun-09          | 31,800                  | 23,100          | 21,700   | 1,500           | 8,700                         | 72.6                       | 6.5                       | 68.2                    |
| Jun-08          | 31,800                  | 24,000          | 22,400   | 1,600           | 7,800                         | 75.5                       | 6.7                       | 70.4                    |
| Jun-07          | 31,500                  | 24,800          | 23,200   | 1,600           | 6,700                         | 78.7                       | 6.5                       | 73.7                    |
| Jun-06          | 31,100                  | 24,500          | 23,200   | 1,400           | 6,600                         | 78.8                       | 5.7                       | 74.6                    |
| Jun-05          | 31,100                  | 23,600          | 22,500   | 1,200           | 7,500                         | 75.9                       | 5.1                       | 72.3                    |

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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